FISCAL NOTE

SB 718 - HB 1228

March 6, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires persons ages 12 through 17 to have a safe boating certificate issued by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, the U. S. Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary or the U. S. Power Squadron or another state, to operate a boat or personal watercraft without adult supervision.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Estimate assumes the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will be the responsible agency for issuing a safe boating certificate for persons ages12 through 17. Recent surveys have indicated that 43% of Tennessee's population participate in boating, thus this requirement could apply to over 200,000 participants.

The bill does not authorize levying a fee for issuing the certificate.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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